

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - University Club]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**  
4 **the University Club, located at 800 Powell Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0243, Lot**  
5 **No. 017.**

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7 WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by  
8 Resolution initiate landmark designations; and

9 WHEREAS, Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic Preservation  
10 Commission to respond to historic district or individual landmark designations initiated by the  
11 Board of Supervisors within 90 days, and authorizes the Board, by Resolution, to extend the  
12 time within which the Historic Preservation Commission is to render its decision; and

13 WHEREAS, The University Club, located at 800 Powell Street, Assessor's Parcel Block  
14 No. 0243, Lot No. 017, was constructed in 1908 in the Nob Hill neighborhood; and

15 WHEREAS, The property is an excellent example of Italian Renaissance Revival  
16 architecture designed by San Francisco architects of merit Bliss & Faville originally for  
17 Stanford University; and

18 WHEREAS, The property exhibits extant Italian Renaissance Revival features,  
19 including masonry cladding, symmetrical facade, rusticated first floor, recessed monumental  
20 entrance with terracotta surround, dentilled cornice with prominent overhanging boxed eaves  
21 supported by brackets, round arched windows with decorative brick surrounds, and terracotta  
22 cartouches and belt courses; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2023, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the  
24 Architecture, Planning, & Preservation Professionals: A Collection of Biographies Historic  
25 Context Statement, which includes an evaluative framework to provide standards for

1 consistent, informed evaluations of the city’s various architecture professionals, including  
2 architects of merit Bliss & Faville; and

3 WHEREAS, Through its extant character defining features and applying the  
4 documentation presented in the Architecture, Planning, & Preservation Professionals: A  
5 Collection of Biographies, the property can be considered as an individually eligible historic  
6 resource based on its year built, extant character-defining features, architects of merit, and  
7 sufficient integrity; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the  
9 University Club under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a  
11 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its  
12 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of  
13 the University Club; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic  
15 Preservation Commission consider whether the University Club warrants landmark  
16 designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the  
17 Planning Code.

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